GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2197
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DECLINE IN POPULATION OF ST COMMUNITIES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has identified the Scheduled Tribe Communities in the country whose population has been declining every year;

(b) whether any step is being taken to save these communities from extinction and also for their economic upliftment;

(c) if so, the proposals made by the State Government`s in the matter; and

(d) the action taken on those proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) The population figures of Primitive Tribal Groups as per 2001 Census have not yet been published. According to the 1981 and 1991 Census, the population of the following Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) has declined slightly:

State/UTs	Name of PTG	Population as per 1981 census	1991 census
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Great Andemanese	42	32
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Karnataka	Jenu Kuruba	34747	29371

(b) Various Schemes/Programmes in the sectors of agriculture, animal husbandry, small scale and cottage industry, education, health and drinking water etc. are being implemented for the upliftment of all scheduled tribes including 75 Primitive Tribal Groups in 18 States/UTs under the Tribal Sub-Plan Strategy since Fifth Five Year Plan. The Ministry has been implementing a Special Central Sector Scheme of `Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)` since 1998-99 for the benefit of PTG exclusively. Under the Scheme, 100% financial assistance is provided to State Governments/UTs and Non Governmental Organisations for undertaking various activities for the socio-economic, educational and health-care of the Primitive Tribal Groups.

(c)&(d) The State Government of Karnataka has sent the proposal for development of Primitive Tribal Groups including `Jenu Kuruba`. The proposal has been considered in the meeting of the Review-cum-Selection Committee held on 16-11-2004. The Committee has recommended for sanction of projects for `Land Development` and Mobile Education and Mobile Health Care of `Jenu Kuruba`. The UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has not sent any proposal in this regard.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 2268 dated 14-12-2004 by Shri Mansukhbhai D. Vasava, Shri Ramdas Athawale, Shri Harikewal Prasad regarding Scheduled Tribes Living below Poverty Line.

Major Schemes/Programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes

1. Grant-in-aid to NGO for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching & Allied Scheme and award for exemplary service.

2. Vocational Training Centers in Tribal Areas

3. Education Complex in Low Literacy Pockets

4. Investment/Price Support to Tribal Co-operative Marketing /development federation on India Ltd. (TRIFED)

5. Grant in aid to State Tribal Development Corporations for Minor Forest Produce
6. Village Grain banks

7 Development of Primitive Tribal Groups

8. Support to National/State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporations.

9. Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship- and Up gradation of Merit of Scheduled Tribe Students.
10. Scheme of Hostels for Scheduled Tribe Girls and Boys.,
11. Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas
12. Research Information & Mass Education, Tribal Festivals and Others.
13. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP)
14. Grants-in-aid under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.